

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 693

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A RESOLUTION to honor Lily Turaski, 2013 National Champion Junior Rider.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly takes great pleasure in recognizing those young Tennesseans who have attained the pinnacle of athletic competition through hard work, perseverance, and competitive spirit; and

WHEREAS, one such Tennessee youth is Lily Turaski, a 15-year-old home-schooled student from Blount County, who has been crowned the 2013 National Champion Junior Rider in endurance riding in the American Endurance Ride Conference; and

WHEREAS, Lily rode her 12-year-old bay stallion, Chance of Freedom, for a total of 465 miles in the limited distance division to claim the title; and

WHEREAS, placed on a horse by her grandmother, Tykey Truett, at the tender age of two, Lily began riding horses in earnest at the age of six and has been a competitive rider since the age of eight; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Truett and her horse, Biz, are also Lily's teammates in competitive riding; Ms. Truett shares Lily's passion for horses and riding, and grandmother and granddaughter truly enjoyed their most recent 465-mile ride together; and

WHEREAS, born on the 4th of July, Chance of Freedom, Lily's horse, possesses a competitive and persevering spirit that is at least equal to her rider's, and their personalities mesh perfectly, whether they are engaged in the thrill of competition or the mundanity of practice; and

WHEREAS, Lily and Chance of Freedom have racked up some 1,945 miles together in limited distance races and have competed in nine fifty-mile races; and

WHEREAS, last year, Lily qualified for the national championship race and finished fourth in the junior division; and

WHEREAS, Lily is a zealous competitor in other arenas as well; she placed first in the state for the past two years in the 4-H hippology contest, which tests students' knowledge of all things horse-related, and this summer, she published the results of a three-year science fair project on endurance horses; and

WHEREAS, in addition to chasing another national championship, Lily aspires to participate in 100-mile, 24-hour endurance races and qualify for the Decade Team, membership of which requires horse and rider to have competed together in at least one fifty-mile ride per year for ten years; and

WHEREAS, Lily Turaski has brought honor and acclaim to the Volunteer State through her championship performance in endurance racing, and she should be recognized for winning this prestigious prize; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Lily Turaski upon winning the 2013 National Junior Rider Championship in endurance riding and wish her much continued success in future competition.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.